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Haliburton County passes zero increase budget

Haliburton County has held the line on taxes for the 2000 budget. Even without the increase, the county has added to the roads budget slightly and has funded the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$150,000, which will be used primarily to market the county.

The social services budget has decreased, reflecting a trend that has seen the actual expenditures drop in recent years. In 1999, the social services budget was estimated at \$927,000 and the actual expenditure was \$756,000.

The county budget for 2000 has been set at just over \$4.5-million.

Based on assessment, Dysart et al will pay the lion's share, at 35.43 per cent. Anson, Hindon and Minden's share is 17.41 per cent, followed by Stanhope at 10.51 per cent. The percentage shares apportioned to the remaining seven municipalities are as follows: Sherborne et al (9.23), Lutterworth (7.23), Glamorgan (5.94), Cardiff (5.62), Monmouth (3.58), Snowden (3.55) and Bicroft (0.90).

The municipalities will get some relief in the form of a share of an overpayment of \$331,000 from the Local Service Realignment funding from the province. The province has made it clear that this overpayment is to be channelled to the taxpayers at the municipal level. In Haliburton County's case, this money will help offset the unforeseen increase in costs for police services.

"It will help buffer the unexpected increase in policing costs, said county Warden Jeanne Anthon. The LSR overfunding is not reflected in the county's budget.



YABA DABBA DOO: The Lions Club District 16 A Convention brought over 600 visitors to the Highlands including these characters lifted straight out of the Saturday morning cartoons and placed on Minden's Main Street. The marchers, members of the Woodville Lions Club, who were here to celebrate the achievements of their clubs and organization.

Brenda Chambers honoured for forest ecosystems study

Haliburton County resident Brenda Chambers received a PRIDE Gold Medal on Friday, April 28, at Robinson Place in Peterborough. The medal was presented by the Ministry of Natural Resources, for world-class achievement in developing and transferring knowledge of Central Ontario forest ecosystems and their classification. Chambers is an active member of the Field Naturalists and has worked with high school students in rehabilitating the shoreline of the Drag River in Haliburton and helped to re-introduce native species of fish.

"The award she is receiving is very appropriate," said Alex Gardiner, Brenda's former Supervisor and Manager of the South-Central Section Science Division and Transfer with the MNR in Peterborough. "Brenda is a first-

rate ecologist with a high level of performance."

Brenda received the award not only for her many hours of work with forest ecosystems, but also for her publication entitled "Field Guide to Forest Eco-Systems of Central Ontario".

"I am obviously very proud to get this award," said Chambers. "I am in the company of people who are equally deserving. The MNR is a great organization to work with. The people are extremely dedicated."

Brenda's guide organizes information, regarding attributes of different forest locations, into a 'key' which is then used to determine the type of ecosystem of a particular site. This information can then be used by base management when determining what actions should or should not

be taken at a particular site.

"Her work will be in use for many years," said Gardiner. The guide, which is available through the Friends of Algonquin Park, is a culmination of research that Brenda undertook between 1991-1996. It has important applications

with regard to forest management.

"At the MNR, our philosophy of life is embedded in the job," says Chambers. Incorporating that philosophy, Brenda plans to work with the classification of wetlands of Central Ontario in the future.

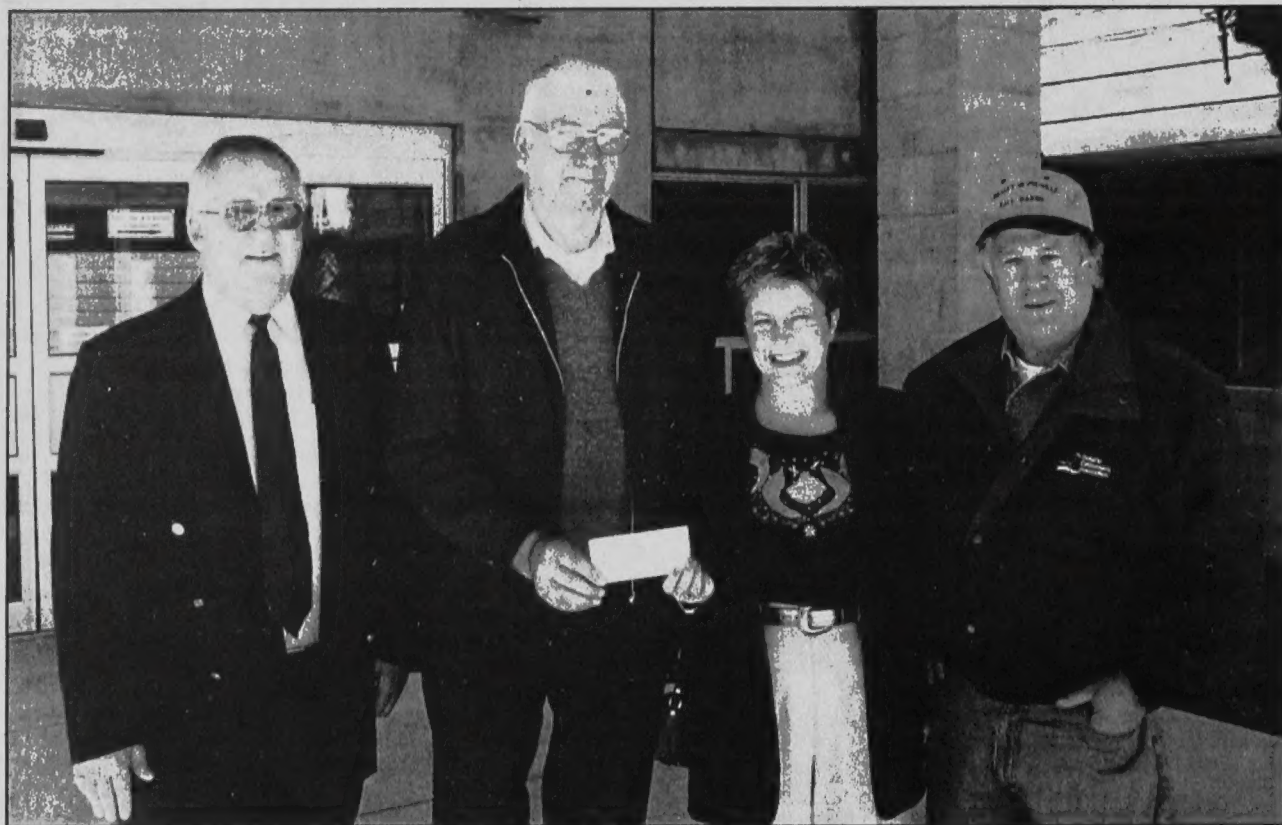
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The Haliburton County Veterinarian Service Program presented a donation of \$1000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation April 26. The service, whose 90 members are people who own large farm animals, presented the cheque to Foundation Managing Director Dale Walker and Campaign Chairman Gord Monk, left. "The money was raised through our membership fees," said Vet Service secretary-treasurer Ross Warburton, right. The cheque was presented by Vet Service Chairman Ross Walker.

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Chamber outlines ambitious plan for economic growth and promotion

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has embarked on an ambitious plan to promote economic development in Haliburton County. The marketing plan has been under development for a number of years and has built on the findings of the Randolph Report commissioned by County Council.

Members of the Chamber had an opportunity to hear about the plan at a Business to Business meeting held Wednesday at Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast.

"Whether you call it business or tourism attraction, the bottom line and mandate of the Chamber is the creation of jobs," Chamber manager Peter Rigby said in introducing the plan. "We have created an integrated marketing process that will optimize our ability to attract business and tourism," the manager told the group of more than 50.

Rigby then described the many facets of the program including, in the area of economic development:

- Home occupation brochure: to attract home-based business. This area has been identified as the fastest growing sector in the Canadian economy.



Chamber President Dennis Casey and Chamber manager Peter Rigby, right, address the Business to Business meeting last Wednesday.

- CEO brochure: a high quality presentation targeting operators of small businesses in the eastern area of the GTA. In particular the brochure will be aimed at those in the electronics industry.

- Trade Shows: The Chamber has always participated in a number of trade shows. It will consider a number of oth-

ers and evaluate the return on attendance at the current list of shows.

- Network intelligence: creating a data base of companies which could be targeted for economic investment in the county.

- Billboard: going beyond the traditional welcome signs. A billboard will be located on Highway 35 telling travel-

lers that Haliburton County is "Open For Business". It was pointed out that some two million vehicles a year use Highway 35 to access the county.

- Response packaging: creating a package of information that can be tailored to respond to particular requests.

- Business retention and expansion: a program designed to ensure that existing businesses remain in the county. Regular visits and information gathering will ensure the needs of businesses already operating here are being met.

- Lure brochure: an introductory piece to be used at trade shows, outlining the benefits of locating in the Highlands.

- Forestry industry: developing a program to enhance the marketing of forestry products including ways to increase the value of the wood which is currently cut and sent out of the county for processing. The Chamber plans to work with the local stewardship councils on this part of the plan.

Tourism

In the area of tourism marketing, the Chamber plans to increase awareness of

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Do we need an attitude adjustment when it comes to economic development?

Is there a mind-set against economic growth in Haliburton County?

That was the question posed by Gary Methrall of the Haliburton Branch of the Bank of Montreal. He was commenting following a presentation at the April 26 business to business meeting sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Chamber president Dennis Casey and manager Peter Rigby had just presented the extensive plans of the organization to promote the Highlands, not only as a tourist destination, but as an area for economic investment.

"Perhaps the Chamber should be spending its time promoting growth..." among the people who live here, Methrall suggested. He noted that as the regional commercial accounts manager he has an opportunity to compare economic activity in Muskoka with the Haliburton Highlands. "There is a different mind-set here." Around the room, heads could be seen nodding

in agreement with his assessment. "I get the sense we don't welcome progress here," he said.

Chamber president Dennis Casey after noting that Methrall had been here since February said, "You picked that (idea) up pretty quickly." Casey went on to add, "Visit Bracebridge or Bancroft and you'll be surprised at the hustle and bustle...we're definitely doing something wrong here."

Methrall added that it is often the same people who complain that their children must leave Haliburton County after high school to find economic opportunity, who object to the progress that could create those jobs.

The discussion was prompted when it was suggested that the reaction to a Tim Horton's or McDonald's coming to the area would be negative from the business community. Casey noted that these were the types of services that tourists are looking for.

Bernie Davis of the Stone Hedge Bed and Break-

fast offered a different view, suggesting the Chamber should be encouraging local entrepreneurs to meet the needs of visitors. She said the Kawartha Dairy on Highway 35 in Minden was a good example of a local business that has become popular with visitors and local residents alike. She noted there are similar examples in other communities in the area. Lynnea Baynton of the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast in Minden suggested the Chamber should "...explore models of successful communities that did not buy into the 'cookie cutter' model."

Rigby said it was important for the Chamber to provide the leadership and encourage economic growth. He said the first thing the Highlands must decide is "Who are we?" and then the Chamber can set the direction for economic development. "I'm not worried about the Kawarthas or Muskoka. I just want to make this a good place to live."



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Old metal and tin featured at A.J. Gallery

by Matthew Sittler

Metal is the central theme running through two art exhibits/sales that are being showcased together at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The shows, entitled "Auto Memories" and "Beyond Tinware", run until May 13. They are a collaboration of fantastic photos of antique cars, left in their prime, and the exceptional art of punched tinware.

Photographer Archie Briggs and his wife Pearl bring antique and disused cars to a new level with their eye-opening exhibit - Auto Memories. The collection of photographs is both historical and artistic in scope, serving to remind the viewer of days past and the different ways that automobiles affect a person's perception of the environment. "We got involved with the old cars and trucks during 1994 in Alaska," says Archie. "I became intrigued with it because of the response we were getting at shows," he continues. "People would stop, look, and say 'This is really something'. So we decided to do more."

The Briggs' work as a team, with Archie taking the pictures and Pearl taking care of the matting and framing. During a trip to the Yukon this past year, Archie spent his time photographing a lot of the old cars. The results of that trip are on display at this show. The show also includes others he took in Ontario.

People will be impressed by the vivid colours and different landscape backgrounds that give the works their primary power. Another important feature found throughout the series of photos is the gentle way they induce the viewer back to times that were perhaps more innocent.

It is this sense of nostalgia that lit-

erally jumps out at the viewer. Apart from the pure artistic beauty, it is this factor that causes people to take notice of Archie's work. "People will say, 'Oh yeah, we had one like that back in such and such a year,'" says Archie. While he leaves the natural environment in which he finds the cars untouched, Archie's sharp eye captures a nature that has continued growing in and around man's technology. "However I see it, that's how I shoot it," he says.

One of the photos, taken in the Yukon during 1999, entitled "Shoot-out", portrays what appears to be an old white station wagon riddled with huge bullet holes. "I don't know what they were shooting at that car with," laughs Archie, "but it looks like it might have been a cannon or an anti-aircraft weapon or something. I thought that was great when I saw it."

Archie says he never really gets involved with photographing cars that have been re-worked, this does not intrigue him as much as shooting automobiles the way they are left and abandoned to nature. Whereas most people would initially see a blight on a front or back lawn, Mr. Briggs is a photographer whose work presents ideas about history and photography that are only noticeable to the rest of us when presented in a forum like this remarkable show.

"Beyond Tinware" is an exhibit that is running alongside "Auto Memories" at the gallery. Described as "The exceptional art of punched tin", this display of Colonial and decorative tinware goes much farther than that. The work is created by another husband/wife combo, Gerry and Sheila Guay.

The Guays started making tinware 10 years ago and now see potential for



Automotive and nature photographer Archie Briggs and his wife Pearl holding one of Archie's favorite pieces entitled "Halfway to Heaven". The Briggs' show, "Auto Memories", opened last week at the gallery.

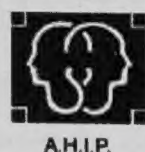
new designs in a lot of unexpected areas. Tinware has a long history, tracing its early days back to Britain and Europe when tinkers would travel the countryside mending pots and pans.

The Guays create their tinware using the traditional method, or "rough side out." This means when the holes for the designs on the tin are punched, they are punched from what will become the inside of the object. This ena-

bles candle holders to let out the light while not letting in the wind. The items are wide-ranging and the public will find beautiful examples of tinware work from candle sconces to panels, to lampshades.

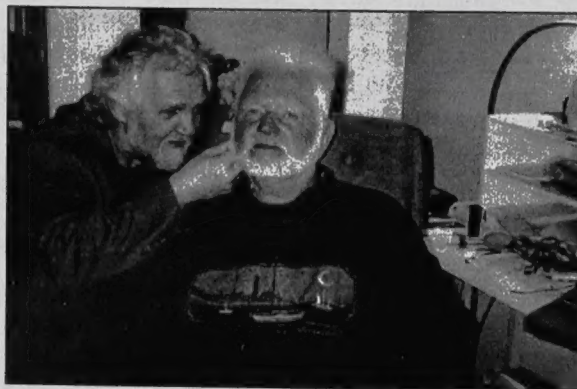
"We use tools the tinsmith would have used a couple 100 years ago," Sheila Guay commented. The couple works with about two dozen different

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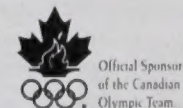
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Editorial Letters

Concern was raised at the recent Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business to Business meeting that there is an anti-development sentiment in the county that could undermine or at least hurt the best laid plans for economic growth. While it is no doubt there, we don't think it is as strong as some might believe. However, it is an attitude which must not be ignored if any plan is to succeed.

We believe the sentiment stems from two sources. The first is based on the perception that encouraging new investors in a particular sector will reduce the size of the market for

others in the same field. While this may be true up to a point, it is also a fact that a robust economy can withstand, in fact flourish, with additional injections of capital. In the end, additional investment translates into economic growth for everyone.

The second factor may be more difficult to nail down. Many people have chosen to live in the Haliburton Highlands because of the slower, more laid-back approach to life. While they may not be totally satisfied with everything in our community, they are leary of change, particularly if it is going to generate the

type of development and attitudes which they find in urban areas to the south. They will likely accept growth and change as long it respects the environment, the key factor which makes this area so attractive, and does not turn the Highlands into some weak carbon copy of what our cities have become.

The challenge facing the Chamber of Commerce in its aggressive and ambitious marketing plan is to not only convince others to make an investment in the Highlands, but to make believers out of those who want to protect what we already have here.

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Loons face a variety of challenges

The Canadian Lakes Loon Survey is currently looking for volunteers to assist in monitoring the presence of this bird in Canada. The following information appears on their website:

There are five species of loons worldwide, four of which breed in Canada.

The Common Loon (*Gavia immer*) is the most widespread and well-known species.

Loons are reported to be among the oldest groups of birds still living today, with a history some think stretches back more than 50 million years.

However, their present challenges may well be the most severe they have faced throughout that long period. Human activities have decreased the abundance and the breeding range of Common Loons in North America over the past 150 years.

These declines might be due to several factors:

Acid rain

Loons are fish-eating birds and so are susceptible to the acid rain that is reducing fish stocks in lakes. On severely affected lakes, loon chicks may die from starvation because of low fish numbers. Acid water also leaches mercury and other toxic metals from rocks and soil. These metals concentrate up the aquatic

food chain and may reach toxic levels in top predators like loons.

Shoreline development and human use of lakes

The legs of loons are placed far back on the body, making loons powerful swimmers but virtually helpless on land. Nests are typically built right at the water's edge for ease of access and to provide a quick escape from perceived danger. Cottages built close to the shore displace loons from their traditional nesting sites. Damming for flood control or hydroelectric power causes water level changes that swamp nests or leave them stranded high out of the water and unreachable.

Power boaters often unknowingly run down buoyant loon chicks, panic parents and disrupt care and feeding of young, or create wakes that wash loon eggs out of nests.

Lead fishing sinkers and jigs

Since loons have no teeth, they ingest small pebbles from the lake bottom, which are held in their stomachs, to help grind up food. Lead sinkers can also be swallowed with these stones. Lead from these sinkers is absorbed into the blood and tissues of loons, where it causes lead poisoning. Ingesting a single lead sinker will kill a loon.

Nest predators

Predation of eggs and chicks is a natural occurrence and something loons have lived with throughout their long history. However, populations of some egg and chick predators like raccoons, bears and gulls have increased because of the availability of human garbage.

If you would like to participate in the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey, or support it as a contributing donor, send us your name and address and the \$25.00 (tax creditable) registration fee. Please indicate whether you would like to receive a CLLS reporting booklet. All CLLS supporters receive annual updates on the survey's results.

To assist with the loon survey, contact Kathy Jones at:
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Canadians spending more on health care

The following report was prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information:

As various levels of government, unions, health care providers and consumers stake their positions in the ongoing health care debate, the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) last week released its first annual report that documents what we know and do not know about the country's health care system and how it has changed over the past decade.

According to CIHI Board Chair Michael Decter, "We can't manage what we can't measure. Better health information leads to better decisions. This report, produced jointly with Statistics Canada, informs Canadians and contributes to public debate by presenting a broad range of facts."

Among the major trends identified in *Health Care in Canada 2000: A First Annual Report* are:

- Canada is spending more on health care; Taking inflation into account,

health care spending per Canadian was almost 50% higher in 1998 than 20 years ago. Of the projected \$86 billion spent on health care in 1999, 70% came from public coffers. During the mid-1990's, for the first time in more than two decades, public sector spending per person dropped; this trend reversed in 1997.

- Private sector spending: In 1997, the private share of health care spending reached 30%, second only to the United States among the G-7 countries. Drugs, dental care and vision care account for the bulk of private spending.

- Public confidence down, patient satisfaction high: Public confidence in the health care system has declined during the past decade but findings show that individual Canadians who have received health services report high levels of satisfaction.

- Shifts in hospital care: Spending on hospitals has declined over the past 20 years, dropping to 32% of total health expenditures in 1999 compared

to 43% in 1979. Canadian hospitals reported about 25% fewer beds in 1997/98 compared to 1984/85. Rates of day surgery more than doubled over the same period.

- Overall, Canadians are living longer: In 1997, Canada's life expectancy ranked second only to Japan (and tied with Iceland). With a life expectancy at birth of 79 years, Canadians can expect to live almost two years longer than our American neighbours. However, not all Canadians have the same chance for a long, healthy life.

According to CIHI's Vice-President of Research and Analysis Dr. John Millar, *Health Care in Canada 2000* includes the first-ever comparative data on a range of health services and life expectancy for 63 health regions, representing 90% of Canada's population.

"The best factual information available suggests that many parts of the system are working well but that others are under stress. For example, some diseases—like polio—have been eradicated."

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Politically correct

Marshall McLuhan once said something to the effect that no goldfish ever was aware that it lived in a goldfish bowl - point being that none of us can know what or who we are until we manage to step outside our environment and look back at it.

That's why that famous space photo of Planet Earth - all blue and green and white and swirling - was so electrifying. We'd never seen ourselves from outside our global fishbowl.

It makes me wonder if people of the Victorian Age ever realized that they were, well, Victorian. Prudish. Uptight. Laughably hypersensitive about sex and mores.

Makes me wonder if anybody realizes we're doing it again.

We're getting pretty silly, folks.

Cynthia Stewart, a Cleveland housewife, may well be on her way to the slammer. Her crime? Well, she'd taken a roll of film into her local drug store for development. A photo clerk there took one look at some of the shots on the roll, and called the cops.

The cops moved in and charged Mrs. Stewart with "pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor".

Sure enough, on the film are shots of an eight-year-old female rinsing off after a bath using a detachable shower spray. One 'minor' thing about the minor - she is Cynthia Stewart's daughter.

"Throughout her life I have taken pictures of her to record the growth of her body and moments of silliness and play," Ms. Stewart testified.

She has been suspended without pay from her job as a school bus driver and faces up to 16 years in prison if convicted.

I am reminded of that Coppertone ad

- you know the one, where a mutt on the beach is pulling down a bathing suit bottom of a little waif and the (gasp!) cleft of her bum is showing? Sure hope they nail the Madison Avenue pervert responsible for that one.

The folks railroading Ms Stewart would feel right at home in the town of Fall River, Nova Scotia.

Authorities there recently suspended three grade schoolers for the heinous crime of 'snowing'.

Snowing is when kids...run around in the snow and push each other into snowbanks. It is also known as 'fun'.

Except at George P. Vanier Junior High School in Fall River. That's where a teacher last winter noted 'suspicious' signs of snow on a young girl's jacket and reported her to the principal. Yes, the kid admitted, they (three girls and a boy - all close friends) had been frolicking in the snow. At George P., that qualifies as 'aggressive behaviour'.

No one had been hurt. None of the kids had complained. They were all suspended.

Does it get stupider than this?

Actually, yes.

A Nebraska seventh-grader was kicked out of school for showing up with a pair of blunt-edged safety scissors. In Kansas, a 13-year-old was suspended for 'racial harassment' after he sketched a Confederate flag on a piece of paper. At an elementary school in Gimli, Manitoba, kids can be turfed out for hugging.

The numbnuts faculty of the school calls that "inappropriate touching".

Score one for our side though - after long and thorough soul searching the City Council of Birmingham -

England's second largest city - has decided that the nursery rhyme Baa Baa Black Sheep...is not racist.

Perhaps it was the black mother who stood up at a city council debate and pointed out "the rhyme is about black sheep, not black people."

I wonder how you say 'Duh!' in Birminghamese?

One is tempted to laugh at all this Pecksniffian stupidity. One would be wrong.

Zach Jones thought it would be a good laugh to write a column in his student newspaper on a subject that affects every human being and about which many people - children and adults - spend an inordinate amount of time chuckling: flatulence.

Maybe Zach's column wasn't Pulitzer Prize material, but it was a long way from Mein Kampf -- although you wouldn't know it from the way authorities reacted. The High School principal took all 1,200 hundred copies of the student newspaper containing the column and locked them in a safe. Zach was relieved of his column. The teacher who helped Zach was fired. The District School Superintendent thundered on to the battlefield, declaring the column to be 'obscene'.

"If that column's obscene, then I deserve the death penalty for some of the things I've written about," commented an observer. An observer by the name of Dave Barry, who just happens to have won the Pulitzer Prize for humour. He shakes his head about the silliness, but he's not surprised.

"There are always going to be people in positions of power who don't have a sense of humour" he says.

Okay, no sense of humour. But how about two brain cells to rub together?

Etcetera

Arthur Black

On the Street

by Times Staff

DOUBLE CONGRATULATIONS

The good news was double at the Pizza Den in Haliburton. Doug and Tracey Wiedmann became the owners of the popular fast food outlet on Highland Street on March 1. A month after acquiring the business, they had another exciting event in their lives with the arrival of son David William. Doug and Tracey's first child arrived April 2 at 3:18 a.m. weighing in at eight pounds, five ounces. Congratulations!

BIZ TO BIZ BUZZ

The revived Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Business to Business meeting attracted 55 people last Wednesday. The gathering was held at Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast. Some 40 businesses were represented and, according to Chamber manager Peter Rigby, those in attendance appreciated the opportunity to get together. "We had a lot of positive comments from those in attendance. They are happy we have brought back the meetings," he said. Chamber President Dennis Casey outlined the organization's plans for the next few years and, along with the manager, answered questions and fielded comments. The meeting also provided an opportunity for business owners from across the county to meet others and share ideas. Visitors also had an opportunity to tour the newly refurbished Sunny Rock Lodge Bed and Breakfast facility. Rigby said the Chamber will continue to sponsor the Business to Business meetings. The next get-together is scheduled for September.

NEW OWNERS

New owners have taken over at Gallant Auto Electric, Highway 35, north of Minden. A warm welcome to Brad and Maria Willing who purchased the business in mid-March.

Stresses showing in health system

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cated in Canada, survival after transplants is increasing and there are examples of situations where available evidence is being used to respond to changing health care needs," says Dr. Millar. "At the same time, there are unexplained differences in how often Caesarean sections and other types of procedures are performed across the country."

CIHI's President and CEO Richard Alvarez points out that, "Despite Canadians' divergent views on health care, we all agree on the need to make the best possible use of every dollar spent. The more we know about what works and what does not work, the better equipped we will be to improve our health care system."

While Mr. Alvarez acknowledges that adequate information is not yet available for

key areas, such as national waiting list data, ambulatory care, rehabilitation, home and continuing care, he notes that CIHI is working with Statistics Canada and others to produce future reports that will be more comprehensive as the availability and breadth of information improves.

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) was created in 1994 by Canada's health ministers. CIHI is the national, independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for coordinating the development and maintenance of the country's integrated health information system. To this end, CIHI provides accurate and timely information that is needed to establish sound health policies, manage the Canadian health system effectively and create public awareness of factors affecting good health.

More Community Access sites funded

More public internet access sites will be established under the Community Access Program (CAP). The new sites are located in Lindsay (4 sites), Norland, Cameron, Coboconk, Downeyville, Kinmount, Kirkfield and Oakwood according to an announcement from Haliburton-Victoria Brock MP John O'Reilly.

"The federal government is advancing steadily towards making Canada the most connected country in the world," stated John O'Reilly. The Community Access Program will make a difference to these communities by ensuring that all residents have affordable, convenient access to the internet," O'Reilly added.

CAP's National Advisory Committee selected the successful applications for consideration. The result is based on peer review, conducted at arm's length by a committee-based provincial review committee. CAP's National Advisory Committee recommended unanimously that all the selected sites should receive funding. The selection criteria are: need, organization, infrastructure, partnerships and future development potential.

The next deadline for CAP submissions in urban and rural communities is May 31st, 2000. For more information contact CAP directly at: 1-800-575-9200 or on the Internet at <http://cap.ic.gc.ca/> http://cap.ic.gc.ca

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NFA Ontario chapter president speaks to HHOA

Bill Rantz, President of the Ontario chapter of the National Firearms Association was a guest speaker at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's spring meeting in west Guilford Saturday. He urged the audience to continue the fight against the federal Firearms Act, Bill C-68.

"Unfortunately, the government has decided we (gun owners) are a menace to society in Canada," Rantz said. "They're treating us that way and we have to fight back. It has become politically correct to attack firearms owners."

Rantz pointed out that gun control is not new in Canada. A registration system for handguns was set up in 1934. Since then, the restrictions have continually increased. The firearms acquisition certificate was introduced in 1979, Bill C-17, which restricts the sale of ammunition (among other restrictions) was passed by Kim Campbell's Tory government and Bill C-68, the most restrictive yet was passed by the Liberal government.

None of these laws, Rantz pointed out, has curtailed the misuse of firearms.

He said the laws work on the premise of the good gun, bad gun philosophy, arbitrarily placing some firearms in the restricted category and others in the prohibited classification.

"Now, 58 per cent of registered handguns are destined for confiscation," he said. Handguns with barrel lengths shorter than a specified length and certain calibres have been designated as prohibited weapons. As such, they can only be transferred to someone who is already licensed to own such guns. No new permits to own these guns are being issued and when the all the current own-

ers of such permits have died, these firearms will be confiscated by the government and destroyed.

Rantz outlined the agenda for the implementation of Bill C-68, to the point where all firearms are supposed to be registered by January 1, 2003. By the end of this year, anyone who has possession of a firearm must have one of the following: a possession and acquisition licence; a possession only licence; or a firearms acquisition certificate which is still valid. Anyone who is not in possession of one of those permits is subject to criminal prosecution. In addition, one of the above permits will be required to purchase ammunition. Under the current system, Bill C-

17 requires anyone who purchases ammunition to show some form of identification to the retailer.

The NFA is promoting a system called the Practical Firearms Control System (PFCS). The PFCS was drafted several years ago by a collaboration of about 40 interested groups. The NFA took the original guidelines and translated them into language that could be adopted as legislation. Then PFCS would license the user for specific types of firearms after he or she proved capable and proficient with the types of firearms of choice. That would eliminate the need to registration every individual firearm.

Rantz said the premise behind the registration system of Bill C-68 is so police will know where firearms are. But since it will still be legal to lend a firearm to anyone who has the proper licence it will be impossible for any system to guarantee that a certain firearm is in a certain location.

The accuracy of the new registration system is questionable, at best. A large percentage of those firearms which have been registered since November of 1998, when the transfer of ownership required registration, are inaccurate.

"Ninety per cent of the forms that are sent in are not filled out properly and are sent back," Rantz said. "A lot of things aren't working."

Rantz questions the effectiveness of registering firearms. "Criminals won't register their guns," he said. "It's a ludicrous situation when you look at it from a common sense perspective."

The willingness of the government to spend an admitted \$327-million to date on a system to register long guns and only \$6-million on breast cancer re-

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HHOA president Larry Hewitt, centre, welcomed NFA Ontario chapter president Bill Rantz, left, and OFAH biologist Dr. Terry Quinney to the Association's annual spring meeting.

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Cancellation of spring bear hunt a mistake OFAH biologist says

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search makes Rantz wonder aloud how the federal government sets its priorities.

He urged firearms owners to become politically active.

"You are the dedicated ones," he said. "You're not the problem."

OFah court challenge

Dr. Terry Quinney, a biologist with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, updated the HHOA members regarding the OFAH law suit against

the provincial government's cancellation of the spring bear hunt. He also spoke briefly about the cruelty to animals bill which has passed first reading in parliament.

Quinney started off by telling the group, "Your club is one of the most active and dedicated of the 600 OFAH member clubs."

The OFAH's court challenge is aimed at reinstating the spring bear hunt and proving that the right to hunt is entrenched in the Canadian Constitution.

"The way the spring bear hunt was cancelled was illegal," Quinney stated. "No government should be allowed to terminate an activity because someone might break a law, either intentionally or by mistake."

He pointed out that it has been illegal since 1987 to kill a sow black bear with cubs in the spring. In the 12 years from the passage of that regulation, only one person was convicted of the offense. During that time, the spring bear hunt generated an estimated \$350-\$500-million to the economy of On-

tario and created 2,600-3,600 person-years of employment.

"I don't think the government was aware of the broad consequences of the spring bear hunt cancellation," Quinney said.

He said the provincial Progressive Conservative party has had the best track record in terms of support for hunting and fishing of any government in recent history. "But it has made a mistake on this one," he said, adding that all three parties supported the cancellation.

"Even if people were eliminated from the equation, there would always be orphaned bears," Quinney said. He noted that the bear population will increase and cause more nuisance bears, some of which will have to be destroyed, creating more orphaned cubs than cancellation of the spring hunt would prevent.

Quinney warned that the cruelty to animals bill, if passed as it stands, would be a serious threat to hunting, fishing and trapping. He said the OFAH and other conservation groups offered several recommendations when the bill was being drafted. Animal rights groups made 18 recommendations as well. None of the OFAH suggestions were included in the bill but 17 of the 18 from the animal rights groups were.

"It's a war against our way of life and quality of life," he said.

Marie Thompson rolls 253 single

Carnarvon Bowling Leagues

Wednesday Afternoon Mixed League (April 19)

High average: Ken Thompson 238; Marie Thompson 190

High single: Bob Bullen 263; Marie Thompson 253

High single (handicap): Bill Trapp 304; Marie Thompson 282

High triple: Ken Thompson 692; Marie Thompson 603

High triple (handicap): Bob Bullen 752; Eleanor Bunker 698

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League (April 20)

High average: Ken Thompson 225;

Josie Cheesman 178

High single: Ken Thompson 290;

Beverley Alexander 214

High single (handicap): Ross

Henderson 301; Laura Carnegie 273

High triple: Ken Thompson 653; Laura

Carnegie 534

High triple (handicap): Jerry Warren

684 Laura Carnegie 694

Wednesday Afternoon mixed League (April 26)

High average: Ken Thompson 238; Marie Thompson 190

High single: Ken Thompson/Bob Bullen 278; Marie Thompson 220

High single (handicap): Bob Bullen 318; Janet McGrath 279

High triple: Merv Bunker 696; Marie Thompson 587

High triple (handicap): Bob Bullen 800; Janet McGrath 766

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League (April 27)

High average: Ken Thompson 225; Josie Cheesman 178

High single: Paul Cameron 286; Josie Cheesman 251

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Three Norland residents convicted of illegal trade in bear parts, \$20,000 in fines handed out

Illegal trade in bear parts has resulted in \$20,000 in fines levied against three individuals from Norland. The fines were the result of a six-month investigation by conservation officers from the Bancroft District Ministry of Natural Resources, with assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police and the Asian Investigation Unit of Metro Toronto's 14 Division Special Task Force.

Chung Sun Kim, 53, of Norland, was fined \$15,000 after being convicted on three charges related to the purchase and possession of black bear gall bladders. Crown prosecutor David Gemmill asked the court to send a clear message that these types of offenses are not acceptable to the public.

Kim appeared in court in Lindsay on April 25.

Six convictions, including unlawful hunting of

black bear, unlawful possession of black bear gall bladders and selling a black bear gall bladder netted Dwayne Angiers, 32, of Norland \$4,000 in fines. His hunting licence was also suspended for five years.

Justin Angiers, 19, of Norland was fined \$1,000 after being convicted on charges of unlawfully hunting black bear and possession of a black bear gall bladder.

The MNR investigation, which began in July of 1999, focused on the killing of at least five black bears during the closed season at dumps in the Minden area. The gall bladders were removed and one had its paws removed.

Another stage of the investigation focused on the commercialization of black bear parts and involved the execution of a search warrant on the Norland

Food Market. That investigation resulted in the charges against Kim.

"Tips from local citizens were of great assistance in this investigation," said investigation conservation officer Tim Rochette. "MNR is committed to focusing efforts on serious violations such as those involving the illegal commercialization of wildlife resources."

The MNR encourages the public to report natural resource violators to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Muskoka, Haliburton Real Estate Boards unite

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The Muskoka Real Estate Board and the Haliburton District Real Estate Board have amalgamated. The new board will be known as the Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors and it will create the largest "cottage area" board in the province.

This exciting development started last September when a joint committee was formed to investigate the possibility of sharing some services. Directors agreed that because they shared many of the same market conditions and philosophies and both faced declining membership and increasing costs, it made good sense to join forces. Members agreed almost unanimously in voting this past December in both areas.

The amalgamation will mean better service to the consumer of real estate service in the Muskoka and Haliburton

area. By combining forces the new board will own and maintain the largest database of active cottage listings in the province. These listings will all be on the internet in two locations: www.mis.ca and www.cyberhomes.com so searching for a home or cottage will be one stop shopping.

Realtors working in the area will have a larger network of fellow Realtor members. Information about listings and sales

in the region will flow with greater ease, as it will be all one MLS system. There will be more referrals between members from area to area so customers can be assured that their realtor knows the area they are interested in.

The offices of the Muskoka and Haliburton Association of Realtors will be in Huntsville. The first president of the new board is Karen Flood. She

has served as a director of the Muskoka real estate board for the past five years.

Some of the board's responsibilities and duties include: continuing education; maintaining and upgrading of data systems; enforcing compliance with code(s) of ethics; charity fund raising and public relations; and daily maintenance of the internal MLS system and the public web sites.

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Visitors to the County will think they have reached trail "heaven" when they visit our new trail information kiosks. These kiosks or pavilions, located at key gateways into Haliburton Highlands, will provide visitors with information on trail and tour opportunities in the county.

These kiosks are a project of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, made possible by financial assistance from the Millennium Bureau of Canada, the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The first phase of the project will see kiosks in at least three locations before the end of the summer. Phase Two will see kiosks developed at remaining gateways in the near future.

The finished kiosks, original in design and attractions in themselves, will be made of post and beam construction and will occupy approximately 144 sq.ft. and stand 8' to 10' in height. Each kiosk will be oriented to the four points of the compass, to provide instant way-finding and orientation. High quality maps will be available to supply information on trails and tours from a whole county, local area and/or a seasonal perspective. Scrolled pictographs in each of the four 4'x6' panels will depict specific trail activities along with sponsor information, thereby avoiding the visual pollution often created by conventional advertising boards. The kiosks will also include an interactive artistic element that will encourage further exploration of the natural environment.

The Trails and Tours Network is working with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to explore the possibilities of staffing some of these kiosks during busy times in snow free seasons. Integrating the information services of the Chamber with those of the Trails and Tours Network will raise the profile of what the county has to offer, sending a clear message that we are open for business and that "all trails lead to Haliburton County".

A project committee - Jan Thomas, Sally Moore and Peter Overington is working with project manager, Roy Truchan, to make it all happen. Northern Timberhouse is helping with the design and construction with help from the high school's construction class. For more information, or to get involved, call the Trails and Tours Coordinator at 705-286-1760.

Business friends

More trails and better trails will enhance the local economy. The Network invites local businesses to join the network. Special thanks to the following business for their support:

Haliburton Lumber & Enterprises; Moose Woods Recreational Trails; Mountain Lake Lane Bed & Breakfast; Photo Solutions Image Centre, Minden; Plan Benefits Inc.; Sunny Rock Lodge Bed & Breakfast; The Times, Minden; Willow Beach Cottages.

T' n' T Tidbits

• There is a spring in our step these days upon receiving news that our grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, for \$25,000, has been approved. This will allow us to implement year one of our three-year action plan. If you would like a copy of our *Action Plan 2001-2003* please contact us.

• The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Net-



New Trails and Tours co-ordinator Rachel Gillooly.

work also sponsored a grant application for the Central Ontario Loop Trail project. Trillium Foundation recently approved \$63,800 in funding for the coordination and support of a 450 kilometre, four season loop trail in five counties (Victoria, Haliburton, Peterborough, Northumberland and Hastings). HHTN will administer the funding on behalf of a multi-county working group.

• Our *Trails in Haliburton Highlands* brochure is at the printers and will be available within a couple of weeks. If you would like a quantity (at no cost) to distribute to friends, colleagues or customers please call (286-1760) or drop by the Chamber of Commerce office in Minden. Excellent quality *Adventure Maps* of area canoe routes can be also purchased at the Chamber office.

• Through our Board of Directors we provide a forum for all trail organizations and organizations with trail interests to share information, discuss and resolve issues, be one voice for trails, integrate activities and collaborate on projects. We recently voted to formalize participation of off-road four-wheel drive users and welcomed Mark Coles as a new Board member. In the near future, we will be seeking representation from the ATV community.

• If you haven't heard yet, Rachel Gillooly is our new Trails and Tours Coordinator. She can be reached at 705-286-1760 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca. Visit our website at: www.trailsandtours.on.ca

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Items from the April 27 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden municipal council:

Members of Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed a resolution confirming that this fall's municipal election for the new municipality of Snowdon, Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon and Minden will be carried out by mail.

"This will be a great new experience," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon.

New pickup

The Anson, Hindon and Minden Parks Department employees will soon be driving a new Ford pickup to perform their duties. Tenders for a new pickup were opened and the lowest bidder was Ridgewood Ford, at just over \$22,000 for a basic truck.

Composting not feasible

A request to have the municipality operate a composting facility at the landfill site was discussed at the April 27 meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council. Regulations governing the operation of composting facilities specify that such operations must be indoors, similar to what is being done at Muskoka Containerized Services in Bracebridge.

Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron told council there is an area at the Scotch Line landfill site where people can dump grass cuttings and leaves, but he noted it is not a composting area.

Leos offer to help

The newly formed Leos Club, a junior version of the Lions Club, has offered to help with the operation of the children's activities during the Canada Day celebrations in Minden.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the assistance of the Leos Club will be very much appreciated.

Fireworks

A suggestion from the Minden Business Association to move the Canada Day fireworks display closer to the downtown area to tie in with the planned street dance met with a less than enthusiastic response.

OPP offers seminar on phony bills

Victoria County OPP were notified April 24 of a counterfeit twenty dollar bill that was passed by a patron of the Fenelon Falls CIBC.

The bill was seized by officers and the investigation continues. Two weeks ago, a Canadian two dollar coin was brought into the office as it was felt to be counterfeit. The coin was sent away for expert examination.

With the summer months fast approaching, Victoria County may experience an influx of counterfeit money. In response, police will be hosting a seminar in Fenelon Falls regarding counterfeit money as well as other topics.

A member of the Bank of Canada will be present May 4 to explain how business owners can protect themselves against the passing of counterfeit money. For more information contact P/C Ted Schendera by calling 324-6741.

Councillor Grant Plooard reported that he had looked into the regulations that govern fireworks. He noted that the minimum distance that must be maintained between spectators and the fireworks area is 35 metres. That is for a ground display.

The type of fireworks display that the Minden Fire Department tradition-

ally conducts requires a 200 metre buffer zone. Either type would preclude a display originating from anywhere in the downtown core.

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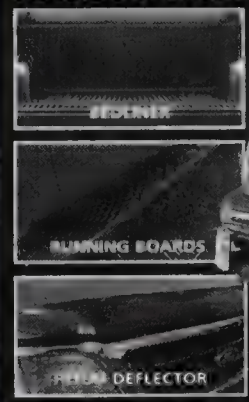
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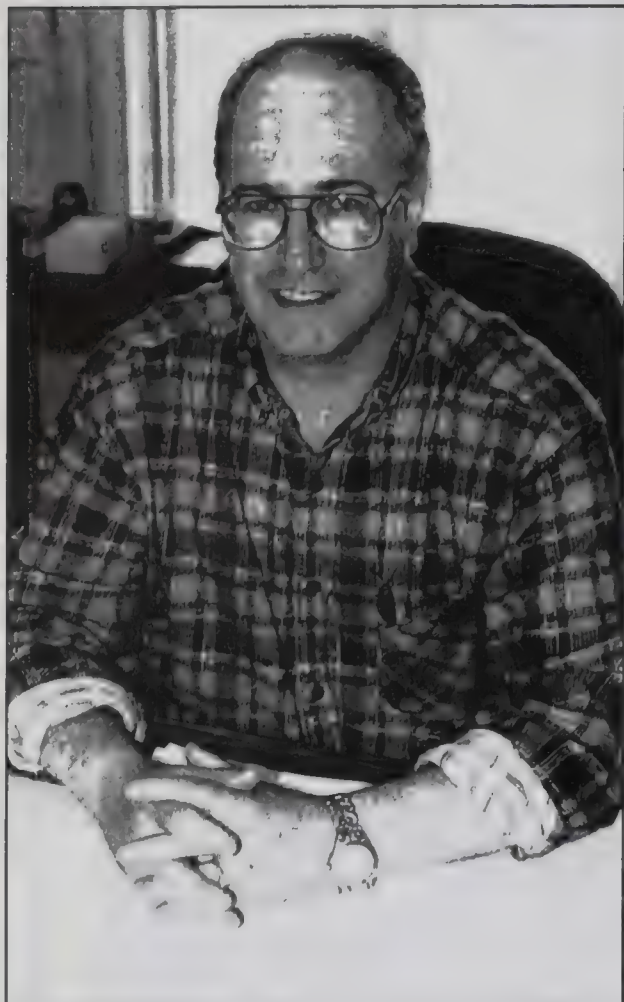
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Haliburton County has hired a new engineer



Roy Haig brings nearly 30 years of engineering experience to his new position as engineer of Haliburton County. The new county engineer started last week. He was introduced to council members at last Wednesday's meeting of county council.

Roy Haig says he has always wanted to work for taxpayers, as opposed to an individual.

"It seems to me that more people benefit from your work," he said.

After nearly 30 years of working for the private sector, Haig is finally getting the chance to "work for the people." He has been hired as the Haliburton County engineer. He took over his new position last Tuesday, April 25.

Haig replaces Les Shepherd, who was hired as engineer two years ago, but has since taken over as CAO of the county.

Haig worked for 28 years with the Greer Galloway Group in Belleville and another year with Jewell Engineering in Trenton. When the job was advertised in Haliburton County, Haig and his wife Glynis decided to make the move.

"It's always been the kind of job I've wanted," he said.

The Haigs have purchased a house in Minden

and will make the move in June, from Havelock, where they have lived for 30 years.

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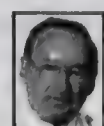
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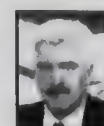
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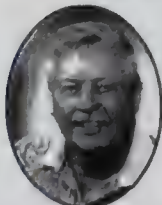
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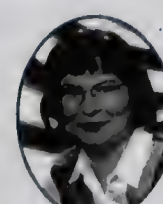
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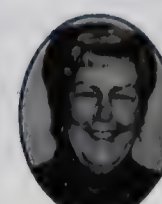
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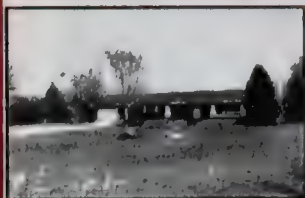
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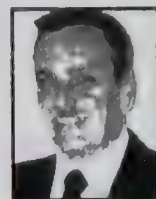
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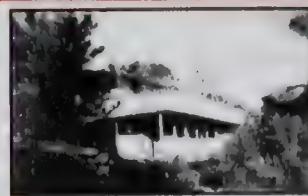
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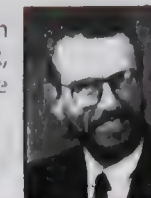
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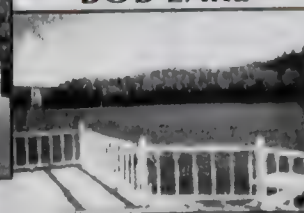
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Chamber outlines plan

(from page 3)

the county as a destination and increase visitation to the Highlands. Among the facets of the plan in this area are:

- Image branding: to develop a new and stronger image of Haliburton County. The Randolph report said the county "...lacks a strong identity" and that one is required to compete for economic dollars.

- Website development: to create a gateway that will serve as a single focal point from which to promote the county.

- Welcome signs and information booths and kiosks: since the Chamber welcome office is located on Highway 35 these new information sources will target travellers on Highways: 118 at Carnarvon; 35 at Dorset; 503 at Kinmount; 121 at Cardiff; and 507 at Gooderham. A partnership with Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours, which will be establishing information kiosks on its main trails, will also help in providing information for visitors.

- Fam tours: familiarization tours will be organized to introduce journalists to the range of recreational opportunities in the Highlands.

- Stakeholder education: a program designed to increase the awareness of area business owners in the marketing and promotional programs including: internet marketing; media relations; packaging; event and festival planning.

- Product specific enhancement and development: to employ professionals to assist in the development in such areas as: Eco-tourism; outdoor adventure and education; cultural tourism; winter and off-season activities and events; and tourism packaging programs.

- Promotional literature: develop a series of brochures to promote Haliburton County.

- 2001 Destination guide: to upgrade and redesign the guide and expand its distribution.

- display booth, graphics and trade shows: Enhance the Chamber's display booth with more up-to-date photos, graphics and other display items. Re-assess attendance at various consumer shows and consider new show opportunities.

- Canadian Tourism Commission partnership: to enhance out of country marketing.

- Response packaging: tailoring information concisely to the requests received.

- Partnerships: the Chamber will look for partners in the private and public sectors to help extend the reach of these promotional efforts.

Rigby explained that the next step is for two committees to be formed to move these ideas ahead. He said that committee chairs have already been

chosen: Gerry Vandenberg will head the economic development committee while Rickie Woods has stepped forward to lead the tourism development portion. Rigby urged those interested to become a member of one of the committees to assist in the development of the county's economy.

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The man with 'electric arms' creating designs in tin

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punches and mallets. "Each piece starts as a shiny, flat piece of metal," she said. The couple then develops ideas from hundreds of templates to create the design punched into the tin. Gerry does the punching as he is "the man with the electric arms" as his wife puts it. Sheila will then take the half-finished piece and apply paint or other decorative work that needs to be finished. She also does the booking and administration for the couple's business.

Patterns, including wheat sheaves, hearts, roosters, ducks and people are all integrated into the different themes. Some patterns are taken from quilt ideas, while others Gerry has found from a wide variety of areas including such diverse items of inspiration as shirts and pictures.

"We never do the same thing twice," said Gerry. "It's always different." There are many phases that

the work must go through. It depends on what types of items we are making. So far, we have about a hundred different kinds and sizes of lampshades." The couple make custom orders as well.

Based in Trenton Ontario, the Guays have been participants in the annual Highlands Artisans' Festival and Antique Show and Sale for the past five years. "This gives us an incredible amount of exposure," Gerry added.

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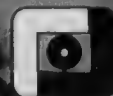


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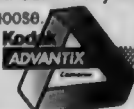
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A mere shadow of his former self

It was a losing proposition for Brian Moore...and quite frankly, he doesn't mind the fact that he lost.

In fact, he feels much better for having lost...over 40 pound that is.

April 30 marked the end of the challenge which started eight months ago. Brian said he would shed weight, up to 40 pounds, and sought out pledges to help keep him focused. The financial commitment, based on the amount of weight lost, would be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Brian is also a member of the Minden Lions Club. The challenge appealed to fellow club members and so they offered an extra incentive, \$1000 to the charity of Brian's choice, if his weight loss exceeded 30 pounds. However, the incentive carried a rider. If he didn't make the 30 pound target, he would have to shave his head bald.

With the community watching and the threat of a bare head hanging over him, Brian turned to the community Weight Watchers for help. Working with co-ordinator Wendy Bartlett they agreed to provide a program to help him reduce his weight and do the weekly monitoring. "I have to give the organization a great deal of credit," Moore said. "Their program worked and the weekly weigh-in helped chart the progress."

"It was easier than I thought once I got into the routine of eating right," he said. The program assigns a number or score to certain food. Each participant is given a daily limit. Brian recalls that a common routine in his business life was to stop at a McDonalds and or-

der a quarter pounder with cheese, super-size French fries and a drink. "That was just a snack when I was on the road," he said. But when he looked up the score, he realized his "snack" represented all the calories he was supposed to consume in a day.

All that is behind him now. "It has been nine years since a I weighed 250 pounds," he commented. "Look at this," he said pulling the waist of his blue jeans away from his stomach. "I went from a 44-46 inch waist to a 36-38 inch."

Brian feels better too. A member of the rock band *Minor Details*, he finds he is full of energy, even after a playing at a dance which, in the past often left him drained. A flight of stairs



SLIM & TRIM: Brian Moore met his 40-pound target and wants to take off another 15.

doesn't leave him winded any more and he has a lot of energy following a busy day at work.

While he has met his target, Brian doesn't intend to stop just yet. "I am going for another 15 pounds," he said. "I would like to be down to 230-235." And, while there isn't any money riding on it, he knows from past experi-

ence there will be a pay-off in feeling better.

While Brian may have been a loser, there were two big winners. His weight loss has generated \$2510 in pledges for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and \$1000 from the Lions Club for the charity Sleeping Children Around The World.

Second Information Centre

Bancroft-Minden Forest 2001 to 2021 Forest Management Plan

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Bancroft-Minden Forest Company invite you to attend a public information centre to discuss the 2001 to 2021 forest management plan for the Bancroft-Minden Forest.

The forest management plan will outline the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, and the details of harvest, renewal and tending operations and access road locations for the first five-year term, 2001 to 2021.

The purpose of the information centre is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations, alternatives for primary and secondary road locations, and alternative or proposed "area of concern" prescriptions, for the first five-year term of the plan.

The information centre(s) will be held at the following time(s) and location(s):

Friday, May 26, 2000

Bancroft Fish and Game Club
Hwy. 62 South
Bancroft, Ontario
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 2000

Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery
County Road 1
Haliburton, Ontario
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The information centre(s) will provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the details of forest management operations for the first five-year term of the plan, before decisions are made, and before a draft forest management plan is submitted to the ministry for review and approval. Should you be unable to attend the information centre(s), or wish to contribute information after the information centre(s) have been completed, you can review and comment on the displayed material by arranging an appointment (including an appointment during non-business hours) with the ministry's Bruce Fleck, Forester, at (613) 332-3940, ext. 235.

A summary map of the proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations and alternative road locations for the first five-year term of the plan may be obtained from the office of the Bancroft-Minden Forest Company or the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices (see addresses below).

Comments concerning this part of the forest management plan must be received by July 26, 2000.

In addition to this information centre, formal public involvement opportunities are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan

October 2000

Public Inspection of the MNR-approved Forest Management Plan

February/March 2000

The planning team for the forest management plan consists of the following people:

Jon Orpana, R.P.F., Plan Author, BMFC
Bruce Fleck, R.P.F., Forester, MNR Bancroft
Brian Vermeersch, Area Supervisor, MNR Bancroft
Peter Waring, Area Supervisor, MNR Minden
Kathy Irwin, Biologist, MNR Bancroft
Mike Turner, R.P.F., Forester, MNR Minden
Dana Kinsman, Biologist, MNR Minden

There is an opportunity at any time during the forest management planning process for interested persons to seek resolution of issues with the plan author. If there is still dissatisfaction with the results of issue resolution with the plan author, the ministry's District Manager and/or the ministry's Regional Director will attempt to resolve the issue.

There is also an opportunity at any time during the forest management planning process for interested persons to make a request to the Minister of the Environment that specific forest management activities require an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this forest management plan under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the operating term of the forest management plan, and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Charmaine Devitt at (613) 332-3940, ext. 228.

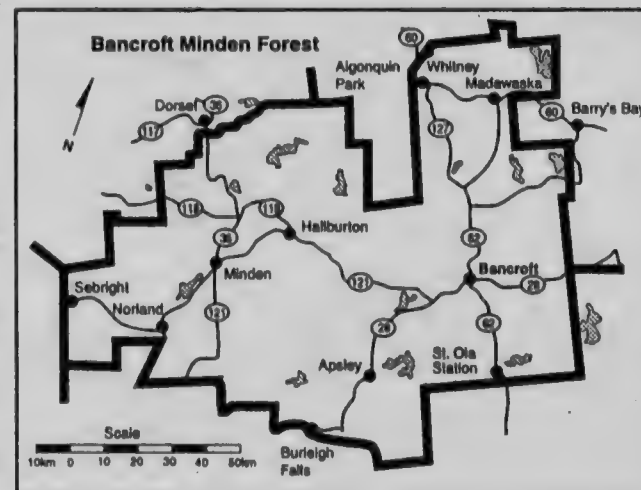
If you have any issues or concerns, or if you would like to receive additional background information, please contact the ministry's Management Forester, at (613) 332-3940, ext. 235. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the duration of the planning process, please contact Susan Kulack at (613) 332-3940, ext. 214.

For further information on the forest management planning process, information relating to the preparation of this forest management plan, or background information about the Bancroft-Minden Forest, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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SCIENTIFIC CASTLES: Ridgewood students, from left, Kameron Purvis, Megan Strong and Kasey Crego display their castles. The structures are designed to withstand the attacks from powerful marshmallow catapults.

Science Week at Ridgewood

Future science and physics majors were honing their talents at Ridgewood Elementary School in Coboconk recently. The occasion was Science Week. The theme this year was "Structures and Mechanisms".

Participating classes, which included students from kindergarten through grade eight, developed their projects using crafts created inventions which demonstrated basic laws of science and mechanical principles.

"We had three retired science experts in all day yesterday (Wednesday), and all day Monday," said Ridgewood Principal Frank Darling. "They were challenging the kids, giving them different experiments to build, and working with about 50 of them at a time."

Science activities proved to be fun and challenging. In some classes they built small castles that could withstand attacks from miniature catapults which used marshmallows for ammunition. These inventions demonstrated concepts of strength and force.

"Grades seven and eight are spending the afternoon designing bird houses that are sturdy," said Darling. "As well, the primary kids are creating parachutes. The final designs were tested in a drop zone at the top of the stairwell."

Being the only special-theme week of the year, the children were enjoying the activities immensely. One youngster, grade four student Eric Swain, was in the midst of building an electrical Lego device that used an ordinary kitchen spoon as its catapulting arm. "I am still in the middle of testing it," he said. "I am trying to actually see if the connection is working, it's electrical you know."

Another activity involved making electric bugs which were created with components of old radios and computers. These small devices were displayed in the front main hall of the school.

A lot of the creations will be displayed in the gym at the end of the week, for the benefit of the students, allowing them to observe and enjoy each other's collective scientific work. Science Week taught co-operation and gave the young students a background in science.



SCIENCE IN ACTION: Grade 4 Ridgewood student, Eric Swain, created an electric catapult designed to shoot marshmallows at donut-box castles as his Science Week project.

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New venue and schedule for Concert Series

The dates and venue may have changed, but the tradition of excellence remains the same.

The Haliburton Highlands Concert Series, which marks its twentieth season this year, has moved its performances to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the high school and changed the schedule to include concerts in the summer and early fall.

This year's series begins Friday, May 26 with Pianist Richard Raymond. Raymond's playing has been described as being "Reminiscent of history's great

pianists", combining depth, passion, virtuosity and individualism that sets him apart from others in his generation.

The second concert is scheduled for Monday,



Pianist Richard Raymond

July 10 with Trio Lyra, a enchanting flute, viola and harp combination. Members Suzanne Schulman (flute) Mark Childs (viola), and Erica Goodman (harp), have amassed a large repertoire which spans the Baroque to modern era. The trio has been together since 1978 and recently toured Quebec, Ontario and the United States. Their music has been described as having "all the makings of a banquet for the ears and the soul."

The series finishes on a lighter note with a performance of *Wingfield Unbound* on Saturday,

September 30.

Written by Dan Needles, it stars Rod Beattie and is directed by Douglas Beattie. This is the fourth and latest adventure in Needles' series of hit comedies about Walt Wingfield, stock broker turned farmer. It follows Walt's attempt to restore the crumbling Hollyhock Mill as a museum, pitting him against local council and the curse of the Miller McNab.

"The series tickets cost \$45," says Concert Series spokesperson Marion Hare. Sales began three weeks ago and already 100 tickets have

been sold. Single night tickets are priced at \$25. "This will be our first year in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion," says Hare. "We wanted a mix of performers and with the 226 seat capacity at the Pavilion, it will be an excellent setting."

Previously, the concerts were held during the winter months, at the Haliburton Legion. It is hoped, the new setting, with the summer and fall schedule, will appeal to a wider audience including seasonal residents.

As is the tradition with the concert series,

the audience will have an opportunity to meet the performers. "Refreshments will be served during intermission," said Hare. "This will give members of the audience a chance to meet and talk with the artists who are performing that night."

The opening concert will provide an opportunity for audiences to hear the Pavilion's new Yamaha Grand Piano. "Audiences can expect to be delighted and thrilled," says Hare.

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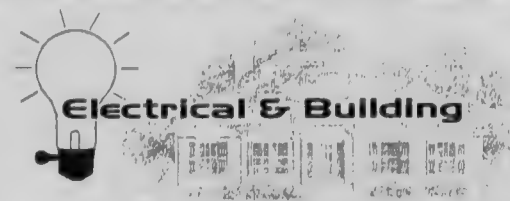
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Board adopts new policies, considers balanced budget

Trillium Lakelands District School Board adopted three new policies at the regular board meeting April 25. These include Transportation, Fundraising and Volunteer Policies that effectively replace the various policies of the three former boards.

The new Transportation policy's outline includes changes to school bus safety rules. Every bus operated by the board will display the "Conduct of Students on School Busses" signs prominently and in highly visible locations. As well, students who live outside of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board boundaries, who have received permission,

Immersion class will start in September

Would you like to enroll your grade one and two students in French immersion classes? If the answer is 'oui', parents are invited to register their children Monday, May 8 at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. Classes will start next September.

Twenty children have registered so far and there is room for five more. "Space is a factor," says Stuart Baker's Principal Debbie Wales. "We only have one classroom that is available. The course will have the same curriculum as the students being taught in English." The school will establish a waiting list once the class limit has been reached.

The Trillium Lakelands Board of Education is searching for a French immersion teacher to lead the class now that the course has been officially approved. The search will take place within the system first. The two grade split was felt to be more feasible than three, (which included kindergarten), because of space limitations.

may be granted bus transportation where an existing bus route is in operation, if there is room on the bus. The policy exists for the entire district.

Trustees reiterated concerns at the meeting, that have been expressed by parents, about the distances students are expected to walk either to school or to bus stops. The Board recommended that a letter be written to the Minister of Education urging her to reconsider transportation funding for rural boards.

The new Student Fund-raising Policy attempts to define acceptable activities ranging from bake sales to walk-a-thons. One point of concern was raised regarding prizes that are awarded to students individually through fundraising endeavors. Trustee Cheryl Murdoch asked that a "soft recommendation" be made that would see fundraising efforts reward the school as a whole, and not on an individual basis. Under the new policy, the Board does not approve the use of commercial organizations for canvassing homes or persons for the purpose of fund-raising for schools. As well, in cases where a non-student organization raises funds for a school, such as parents' groups, the dispersal of funds must be decided jointly by the principal and the organization involved.

Trustee Sharon Summers wanted the phrasing "Non-school" to replace "Non-student", in order to eliminate any confusion in identifying "any groups outside the school body," she said. The policy also notes which local, provincial or national charities are appropriate recipients of students' fund-raising efforts, such as the Terry Fox Run or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Trustees also approved a policy to encourage and welcome volunteers who wish to help in schools. Accompanying the new policy are several new procedures for choosing, screening and training volunteer helpers as well as a list of duties for the principal,

teacher and volunteer, and a guide for volunteers. Since some volunteers will inevitably end up observing or hearing confidential matters involving students and/or teachers, a new procedural stipulation requires the would-be volunteer to sign a questionnaire that includes the phrase "If chosen as a volunteer, I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Trillium Lakelands District School Board and to respect the confidentiality of all information with re-

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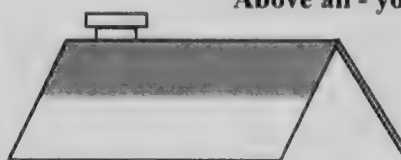
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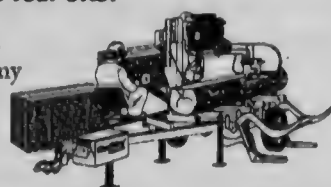
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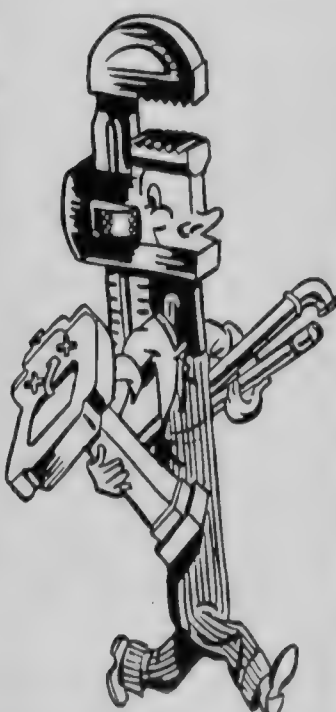
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Five employees of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were awarded pins to recognize their contributions to education, in both the former Haliburton County Board of Education and the new Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Caretaker Isabell Fairey, right, has spent all 25 years at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Two others receiving pins were also from Archie Stouffer, Principal Rosie Kenney, second from left, and teacher Dianne Dawson, second from right. Laura Willis, left, a teacher at the Haliburton Learning Centre and formerly at HHSS also received her 25 year pin. HHSS teacher David Stephenson was not in attendance but will receive his pin later.

Board shifts funds to cover bussing costs

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spect to student and teacher records." Volunteers, under the new policy, are required to submit to a criminal reference check as well.

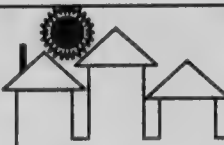
Draft budget introduced

Trustees had a first look at the proposed budget for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for 2000-2001 at the April 25 meeting. Proposed expenditures total approximately \$142.5-million, an increase of about \$3.6 million from 1999-2000. In keeping with Ministry of Education requirements. "We are presenting a balanced budget," said Director of Trillium Lakelands District School Board Evelyn Brown. "decisions made by trustees reflect what we are bringing forward."

In the proposed budget, the board is spending approximately \$800,000 more in the classroom and approximately \$1.2 million more on special education than the province has allocated. Reducing other ex-

penditures has made up the shortfall in provincial funding for these areas. Under the proposed budget, the board would spend more than \$330,000 less than the provincial grant on administration and governance.

Transportation costs in the proposed budget continue to be higher than the provincial allocation, due to the large numbers of students living in rural areas, as well as recent increases in the price of fuel. According to the draft budget, spending will outstrip the provincial grant by approximately \$348,000. Further discussion of the proposed budget will take place throughout May.



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Kenton Martin, Vice President & General Manager,
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Topic: Opportunities for Local Products in Global Markets
Lorne Johnson, Forest Stewardship Advisor,
World Wildlife Fund Canada

Topic: Certification and specialty forest products

Afternoon Sessions

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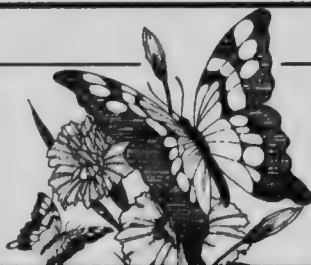
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It's been more than a week now and we are really settling in to our new Hyland Crest.

We're so pleased we moved prior to Easter weekend. That way we were able to show off to the many, many visitors who dropped in to say hello, including family, friends, neighbours, etc.

Our new home is even lovelier with lots of flowers and potted plants that have been received recently, many to wish us all the best in our new home and some for Easter gifts.

Over the Easter weekend we welcomed Reverend Burgess on his regular visitation. A few of us sat down and watched the movie "Jesus" on Sunday afternoon.

The weather is absolutely gorgeous and quite a few of us are now venturing out once again. You must remember we had to find our way first. A few activities have begun once again. On Easter Monday Janet led us in an Easter trivia. This was lots of fun, and it's good exercise for our noodles. That's important. Speaking of exercise, our keep fit programs have also resumed.

During Tuesday's Chapel Service with Rev. Everall, we held a memorial for Maud Coulter. We were pleased to welcome Rev. Everall's daughter to the service. Our resident canaries, Peter and Paul, are really making a name for themselves. They just love

the company, and the more the merrier. It doesn't matter what's going on around them, they have to compete for attention. Sometimes it is a real competition.

Tuesday evening we were very pleased to have "A Joyful Noise" with us once again. All those who attended had a lovely time.

We do enjoy the gospel music and appreciate them coming. Last night (Wednesday) we had the gang here for Pub Night.

Don, Lloyd, Kirk, Lou and Don, what a great bunch of guys and wonderful entertainment. Our thanks to them.

Now we are back to Thursday and we're writing this sipping our coffee/tea while a loaf of bread is baking in the bread machine. It won't be long before we'll be able to sniff that wonderful aroma. We will have our first Tea Party today in our new home. Our hosts are to be parishoners from Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church in Minden and we are really looking forward to spending time with them. This tea will also be our first Birthday Tea in these lovely new surroundings. We'll have to tell you about it next week.

Before we go we must welcome our newest residents, Thelda Weston and Adda Higginbottom.

We've run out of news so must sign off. In the meantime, take care and we will talk again.

Senior League

by the Roving Reporters

Quitters are the big winners

Who says quitters never win? That's not the case for seven Haliburton County residents who have been selected to receive awards, for successfully quitting smoking, in a contest held in March.

The provincial Quit and Win 2000 contest required participants to quit smoking for the month of March with the help of a support buddy. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, "The Heart Connection" and Haliburton Highlands Community Action Group on Alcohol and Drugs came together to augment the contest by offering prizes for local residents who joined the provincial challenge, 26 people have remained smoke-free.

"While we are only able to award seven prizes, everyone who participated in the contest and tried to quit smoking is still a winner," says Kris Kadwell of the Health Unit. "Those who couldn't quit right now are one step closer to quitting. Surveys show that it often takes people several tries before they finally

succeed in quitting smoking."

Prizes for the Haliburton winners were presented at an awards dinner at the smoke-free Old Country House restaurant in Haliburton on April 27.

The winners and their prizes are: Helen Jubb Grand prize (\$100 gift certificate), Lori Danilko - second prize (one hour massage), Jim Potter - third prize (\$50 gift certificate), Iona Fevreau - third prize (\$50 gift certificate), Lyne Gougeon - third prize (\$50 gift certificate), David Hollows - third prize (\$50 gift certificate), Fred Balcombe - Ontario Hydro workplace winner (\$100 gift certificate).

A Bracebridge resident was the grand prize winner of a Caribbean cruise for two in the provincial Quit and Win 2000 contest.

Haliburton area residents still looking for a little extra support in quitting smoking are invited to join the Health Unit's smoking cessation group sessions starting May 4. Contact the Health Unit at 457-1391 for more information or to register for these free sessions.

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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 288-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.abn.com>)

What a wonderful ring the words 'May 1' have!! It is also looking like 'May 1' and feeling like 'May 1'!! I am so grateful!!

Unfortunately for me there is a downside to the changing weather. I have a cold/virus/flu!! Not too perky!! It is not surprising as I had been going so hard to prepare for Easter weekend and when I over-extend myself, I seem to be more vulnerable to what is passing through; as is true for all of us I am sure. What was passing through for me was a five year old grandson who had a cold and who slept with Granny as all the other beds in the house were occupied!! The cold is worth it!! It is also an excuse to slow down and take some time off for a while after the hyperactivity. I feel great satisfaction with this final stage of the decorating completed. I am highly satisfied with it!! Lots of superior help!!

It was a good weekend with guests and family. Al Stott was down again for breakfast with his son and daughter-in-law. Always good to see Al.

Now, the other family here were Myles, Glenda and Brent Morrison with Casey the dog. They come to stay when they are visiting Myles' mother Alice Morrison at Hyland Crest. Many times they had eaten at the big table before it left for a new home at my daughter's. As mentioned in an earlier column, I had discovered a name and date on the underside when moving it out. I idly asked Myles, when he and his family were here last Christmas, if he knew that name. He thought that was his grandfather!! Myles said he would ask his mother. Now they were back for Easter and he wondered about the table. I told them all I had found out from his Aunt Gladys Wruth, from his Uncle Earl and all the others who called.

In all of the reporting of this great discovery, I hadn't mentioned the Morrisons!! The oversight is so regrettable!! But maybe it was meant to be

disclosed now, in its own time. A.J. Hewitt was his grandfather!! They were the first link to this incredible story which brought together A.J. Hewitt and his family, Lake St. Nora, my father, Minden House, and me in Minden.

Now that has led to another connection with Shirley Warder!! More about that next week!!

The Minden and District Horticultural Society invites everyone to its monthly meeting on May 2 at 7:15 at the Minden Community Centre. April was Maple Syrup month so bring along your favourite treat made with Maple Syrup. The guest speaker will be Tom Dawson of Wintergreen Maple Barn. He will speak about new technology in maple syrup making and new products for the world market. Some of these products will be on display and for sale. See you there.

Twelve days left to get ready for Sneaker Day!! Now the weather is much more conducive to getting outside to walk. In fact I see a lot of people walking past my place in the morning and the evening! No bugs either!! Meet you Friday, May 12, at the Gazebo!!

Have a good week!! I don't wish anyone this bug!!

SCORING NEWS

Friday, April 20: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Marie Dennie and Pat Scadden won most lone hands. Marg McAfee (yeah) and Jim Bradbury took the high scores and Elaine Blakey and Ed Hisson took the lows. Tom Orr and Kay Orr took the other prizes.

Monday, April 24: Kinmount Bid Euchre will start playing upstairs at the Legion today, May 1. Mildred St. Thomas and Verna Crego were the top winners on April 24. Ida Young won two moonshots and Jack Chilton won

the 50/50 draw.

Evening Euchre at Club 35: Wally Harpur won the 50/50 draw and Jean Dutka won lone hands. Verna Sawyer and Paul Thompson won the high scores and Hilda Murrell and Wally Harpur won the lows. Paul Thompson walked away with the baloney.

Tuesday, April 25: Stanhope bridge. The special of the day, the B.M.M.D.I. Award, (Betty Made Me Do It), went to Frank Schlotter!! I wonder what that means?? Does it have anything to do with the fact there were three small slams bid and made that day and two of them were won by Betty Schlotter along with her partners Betty Culley and Ross Fletcher. Jack Croucher and Stan Hill won the third one. The high scores went to: Gloria Moore in fourth with 4520; Betty Culley, third with 4660; Jack Croucher, second with a straight 6000; Ross Fletcher in first with 6470. Welcome back to the Moores and the Schlotters!!

Bid Euchre for Seniors in the afternoon, at the Minden Legion: The top scorers were Shirley Elcome, Isabel Cherwenka, Dorothy McElwain and Marg McAfee (yeah!). Jack Chilton found the hidden score and Marg McAfee, on her winning streak, won the one and only moonshot!!

At Gelert, in the evening, playing Euchre: Emily Harvie was high woman

and Betty Curry was the low. Bob Vick was high man and George Bartley was low. Betty Hicks won lone hands and Ruby Francis won the 50/50 draw. There was a good crowd out that evening and fun was had by all.

Wednesday, April 19: Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Jean Dutka and Arlene Edwards won the two moonshots. The high scores, which were very close, went to: Tom Orr, 248; Jean Dutka, 254; Trudy Kroes, 264; June Branning, 268; and Marion Hill with 269.

Wednesday, April 26: Bid Euchre at Stanhope, one week later! It was an especially fun evening as they invited the Gravenhurst Seniors over for Pot Luck and cards. It was a lovely evening and a great supper. Numerous door prizes and share the wealth prizes were won. The moonshots were won by Rob Evans, Joy Montgomery, Al Whyman and two by Jean Dutka. The high scores went to: Vera Ann Ruttan, 284; Marg Norton, 286; Jean Dutka, 292; Donna Irwin, 306; and Alvin Cowen, 312.

Senior's Euchre at Kinmount: High and low for the men were Bob Vick and Sandra Robertson. Emily Harvie and Nora Swinson did the same for the women. There was a three way tie for lone hands, going to Webb St. Thomas, Gerald Silver and Bob Vick.

Wishing everyone good fortune at the tables!!

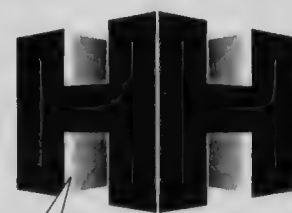
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The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), in conjunction with its partners (listed below) has contracted Fleming Data Research Institute to conduct telephone surveys of property owners in Haliburton County.

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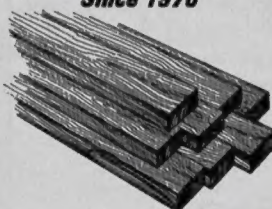
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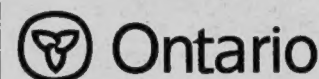
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AT REST

MADILL
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Karl Itter

Peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Wednesday, April 26th, 2000 in his 91st year. Loving friend of Daisy Bates, husband of the late Lillian Walker and Esther Smith. Loving father of Eleanor and her husband Brian Heppleston of Newmarket, loving grandfather of Jason. Fondly remembered by the Walker family and Sandra Vanderwood. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, April 29th, 2000 at 2 p.m. Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

SNELL

Marshall Oswald

Peacefully, at home in Minden on Monday, April 24th, 2000 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Maxine. Dear father of Lorne and his wife Leslie of Dryden, Mary Minto and her husband Ian of Minden, Karen Anderson and her husband Rex of Bethany. Loving grandfather of Dustin Snell, Jennifer and Jim Minto, Brady and Jocelyn Anderson. Dear brother of Irma Walker, as well as the late Jack Snell and Myrtle Ash. Fondly remembered by brothers and sisters in law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, April 27th, 2000 at 1 p.m. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

MacDUFF
Nellie

(Resident of Extencicare-Haliburton)

At Extencicare-Haliburton on Monday morning, April 24, 2000 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late Fred MacDuff. Loving mother of Ross MacDuff (Mary Ann) of Port Perry, Dawson (Margaret), Glen (Edwina) both of Gooderham, Blake MacDuff of Haliburton and Shirley Spanger (Leslie) of Brooklin. Fondly remembered by her 23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her daughter Mary MacDuff (1999), her sisters and brothers Emmie, Annie, Charlotte, Susie, Pearl, Albert, Charlie, William and Tommy. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, April 25, 2000 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held at the Gooderham United Church, Gooderham on Wednesday morning, April 27, 2000 at 11 o'clock. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

RUTTER
Garnet

(Resident of Cobocok, Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Sunday, March 26, 2000 in his 72nd year. Beloved son of the late Thomas and Ruth Rutter (Pearce). Loving brother of Arnold (Marie) of Kirkfield, Harold (Margaret) of Scarborough and Wayne (Beryl) of Wilberforce. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. A Graveside Service will take place at Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland on Saturday May 27, 2000. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

CURRY
Ethel

(Resident of Extencicare-Haliburton)

At Extencicare-Haliburton on Thursday evening, April 27, 2000 in her 98th year. Loving daughter of the late W.R. and Jessie Curry. Ethel was the last surviving member of her family. Predeceased by brother Ronald and sister Viola Bishop. Fondly remembered as "Auntie Ethel" to many nieces and nephews and countless others. Ethel was a former teacher at Northern Vocational and a well-known artist in the art community. Friends were invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Highway 118, Haliburton (705) 457-9202 on Saturday April 29. Funeral Service was held in Haliburton United Church, Haliburton on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 2000 at 2 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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Kraft Miracle Whip

Regular or Light
1 L Jar

2.99 ea.

Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts

Fresh! 8.55 kg

3.88 lb.

Our Compliments Soft Drinks

Selected Varieties
Case of 24 x 355 mL Tins

4.99 ea.

Bakery

Homestyle White Bread
450 g

.99 ea.

Lean Ground Beef Patties

Fresh!
6.08 kg / 2.76 lb.

Approx. **.69** ea.

McCain French Fries

Frozen, Selected Varieties
1 kg Poly Bag

1.19 ea.

Deli

Quality Meats Cooked Ham
Deli Sliced or Shaved
.55 / 100 g

2.49 lb.

Our Compliments Pork Sausage

Fresh! Never Frozen
Selected varieties, 5.93 kg

2.69 lb.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES. ADVERTISED PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES.

Garden Features
Dollo's



All Hanging Baskets

\$11.99 ea.

Moo Poo & Sheep Manure

18Kg. Bag

\$2.49 ea.

Top Soil 30L Bag

\$1.99 ea.

Black Earth 30L Bag

\$2.99 ea.

Perennials

\$1.79 ea.

Annuals

\$.99 ea.

\$10.99

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except Tobacco,
Advertised Specials
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Tues 8-6
Wed 8-6
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Tasty, fresh baked-goods daily

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Wide range of styles and price.

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